

## CAYLOR'S BALL GOSSIP.

Johnny Foreman the Youngest Player in the League.

## THE SPORT BY ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Thus far the Scheme Has Proved a Failure, but the Future May Make It Feasible—How the Different States "Root" For National League Teams.

Probably the youngest player in the National league is Johnny Foreman of the Pittsburgh club. He is also one of the most valuable "finds" of the new blood lately added to the major league ranks. What few games he has pitched for the Pirates have tended to stamp him a stayer.

Foreman is a native of Baltimore, and was born Aug. 6, 1875, which classes him as a boy. He has a boy's face in outline, though at times there comes over it an expression which makes an observer think it possibly belongs to an old man. Hence grow a report some weeks ago that instead of being a boy of 20 Johnny was really an old man, who had a boy of his own that old.

Young Foreman is a brother of the other and better known pitcher of the same name, Frank, of the Cincinnati team. He adds one more to the list of brother players who have worked their way into the National league; but, unlike the Clarksons, the Whites, the O'Rourkes and other brothers, the Foremans differ radically in their style of play. Frank is right handed, but Johnny pitches with his left hand. He played his first professional engagement last year with the Petersburg club of the Virginia league and helped to land the pennant. He was with the same club this season until the Pittsburghs purchased his release.

The second triumph of the Baltimore club in winning the National league



PITCHER JOHNNY FOREMAN, PITTSBURGS. [Only 20 years old, but a very puzzling left handed twirler.]

championship gives great pleasure to not only the people of Baltimore and Maryland, but the followers of the game on the southern central seaboard. Although every section of the country east of the Mississippi has its own leagues and minor professional clubs, the whole country looks up to the National league and divides its fealty among the clubs of the latter body. New England "pulls" for the Bostonians. New York's Giants monopolize the attention of rooters in most of New Jersey, Connecticut and all of New York state. This was aptly illustrated last May, when 500 Buffalo excursionists to Cleveland attended a game in that city between the local team and the Giants and made themselves conspicuous by "rooting" for the New York team.

Philadelphia's club has the people of Delaware, eastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey worshipping at its shrine, whereas Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina swear by the Baltimoreans. The Pittsburghs have parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia in their partisan territory.

Ohio is divided in its loyalty among three clubs—namely, the Pittsburghs, Cleveland and Cincinnati. Cleveland draws also on Michigan, while Cincinnati reaches over into Indiana. But no Cincinnati club has ever been able to control the baseball pulse south of the Ohio river. Even Covington, which is the Brooklyn of Cincinnati, is antagonistic to the Cincinnati club every time the Louisville visit the Queen City. No matter how unsuccessful the Louisville club may be, Kentucky stands loyally by it.

There was a time when the entire south-west and the whole of the Mississippi valley gave allegiance to the St. Louis Browns. But the fading of that team's glory during the last six years has waned much of the large territory from its devotion. The people cannot well grow enthusiastic over St. Louis' team as it exists when they call to mind the deeds and glory of Conkley's famous Brown Stockings.

Probably the widest territory to pay tribute to a National league club is the northwest, which gives its devotion to Anson's Chicago team. There is nothing north or northwest of the Colts' territory to detract attention from them. Two of the 12 clubs have only a local following, namely, the Brooklyn and the Washingtons. Brooklyn is so peculiarly situated that the New York club cuts it off from the state, and unless Long Island may be said to hurray for the Bridgeports they have no devoted friends outside of the city they represent.

Final reports from the clubs show that the season of 1895 has been unusually successful. President Murnane of the New England league assures me that nearly every club in his circuit made money this year. President Powers of the Eastern league reports that not one club of the eight lost money, and President Johnson's statement at the annual meeting of the Western league recently gave assurances that the eight clubs of that organization were financial winners for the year. On top of this comes the positive announcement that not one National league club will lose a dollar, while most of them will be large winners.

There is cause for general rejoicing at this healthy state of the national sport. It shows widespread interest and universal belief in the purity of baseball. It proves that the game is winning more patrons every year and is the only sport which can be sustained by daily exhibitions from April till October. If the weather permitted I have no doubt that the championship season could be profitably extended. But there must be the incentive of a championship to make baseball attractive. Post season games and junketing trips for exhibition games have never paid, yet they are attempted year after year. The Baltimore and Philadelphia will make a late October trip through Virginia, and two

teams, I understand, are organizing for a winter in California. And yet, though the championships take a rest, the lovers of the sport lose none of their interest. No sooner is one pennant race ended than preparations for another begin and reorganizing teams, making new rules, holding meetings and scores of other interesting themes keep the attention of the public till a new championship opens.

A few years ago these California visits of eastern players paid moderately well, but as soon as the novelty wore away a bit there was no money in them, and the Pacific expeditions ceased. All attempts to get money from our English consuls by visiting teams have also failed. I believe the Boston-Athletic visit to England in the early seventies was an expensive experiment. The Spalding excursionists stopped at London on their return from that trip around the world and attracted large crowds on account of the notoriety of their globe circling venture. But two semiprofessional expeditions to Johnny Bull's island of late date resulted disastrously.

Several months ago a team calling themselves "The Bostonians" went to England to tour Great Britain. There was a good deal of false pretension about them. The players were mediocre in their abilities. It is not strange, therefore, that they have already been stranded and are getting back to America as best they can. A similar expedition under the same management met with a like experience about three years ago.

It would pay the National league to send two teams of its best players to England some October to play in the principal cities on days previously named and advertised. A tour of this kind with the genuine article of ball ought to plant the seed of the baseball craze in England and cause the sport to take root professionally over there.

If the day ever does come when England takes up baseball professionally, there will be a chance for international contests on the diamond which will eclipse the interest in yachting, athletic and aquatic contests.

The perennial interest taken in baseball may in time result in playing by electric light. It has been tried, but so far unsuccesfully. No lighting yet invented has been sufficient for the handling of fly balls, and the shadows interfere with good fielding. Edison, however, says we are only in the dawn of electrical discoveries, and we may yet turn electricity to use in deciding baseball championships. If championship games could be played between 8 and 10 o'clock in the evening instead of between 4 and 6 o'clock, the attendance would be doubled or probably increased as three to one. Will baseball ever be played by electric light? It is a question which must make the magnates dream of the pleasures of wealth.

O. P. CAYLOR.

## ROSE WANTS THAT OLD CUP.

His Yacht Distant Shore and His Proposed Visit to America Next Year.

When Lord Dunraven gave the Defender a walkover in the last race for the American cup because the excursion boat in New York harbor bothered him as much as it did the Defender, it was generally predicted that many a year would pass before another Englishman built a yacht and challenged for the trophy. The prophets have been most agreeably disappointed. Two subjects of the queen have already signified their intention to cross the Atlantic in quest of the cup, and an interesting series of international races may be expected in both 1896 and 1897. One of the challengers is Charles Day Rose, a Canadian, and the other is Herbert Moir, an Australian.

Charles Day Rose, whose Distant Shore will be designed and built by J. M. Soper, the famous English naval architect, was born in Montreal, and a number of years ago was an athlete of considerable reputation in Canada. His specialty was the one mile run. His father was Sir John



CHARLES DAY ROSE.

Rose, a Canadian baronet, who was a very successful business man and who removed to England about 15 years ago and became the business manager of certain interests of the Prince of Wales. Since young Rose has been a resident of England he has become well known among sportsmen as a man with a good string of thoroughbreds and as a yachtsman of some note. He is now the owner of the big yacht Santania, which has raced so often with Britannia, Ailsa and Valkyrie II and III. Mr. Rose is at the head of a syndicate, and will consequently not be compelled to bear the entire expense of the English part of the international contest. That he feels confident he will receive absolutely fair play in New York is demonstrated by the fact that his challenge is devoid of all conditions. His boat will be opposed by the Defender in next year's races.

A German Burlesque of "Trilby." "Trilby," it appears, is to be done as a burlesque in German at the Germania theater, New York, by the ever energetic Adolph Philipp, author of "The Corner Grocer of Avenue A," and also of the brewer and the pawnbroker and the butcher of the same locality. Max Lube is to be the Svengali and Herr Rank the Trilby. A burlesque on "Trilby," with the Avenue A flavor, should certainly possess the charm of novelty, and Herr Rank as the hypnotized heroine will probably know how to make the role amusing.

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